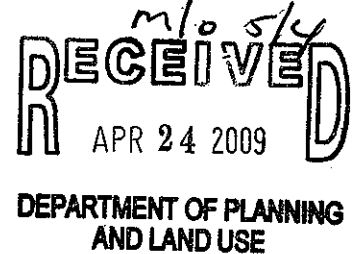


**Descanso Planning Group
Regular March 19, 2009 Meeting
Approved Minutes**



Date, Time and Place: March 19, 2009 @ 7:00PM @ the Descanso Town Hall,
24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance 7:04 pm
2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

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| 1. Bobbi Brink | 4. John Elliott | 7. Don Hickie |
| 2. Jo Ellen Quinting | 5. Michael Sterns | 8. Claudia White |
| 3. Deirdre Carter | 6. Trista Brant/ Excused | 9. Terry Gibson/Excused |

3. Approval of Minutes from December and February Regular Meeting: No December minutes. Jo Ellen and John proposed adjustments to the February minutes. Bobbi Brink meeting Secretary. **February Regular Meeting minutes, motion to approve as adjusted by John, 2nd Don 6/0/1 motion passes.**
4. Correspondence and Announcements: Jail- The probation department will take over jail from the Sheriff Dept. Vegetation/Land Management Report.
5. Prioritization of this Meeting's Agenda Items: As listed.
6. New Business

A. Site Review Waiver: Deena Raver, County Fire Authority, request site review waiver for new Fire Station #45 facility to accommodate stimulus bill grant proposal. Goal to take volunteer fire stations across the county. Green buildings, solar power, generator back up, on site waste water, parking, sleeping quarters for 8 staff, ADA bathrooms, common kitchen area, and captains quarters. Will require 8 acres of land or more. Acts as a evacuation site. Eric Gibson is looking for support from local planning groups to waive site review so, they would be able to break ground in 120 days from time of grant issue. Readiness increases your chances of getting grants with ease of site review waiver. Grant will cover cost to buy property, permit cost & fire station itself. Internal review of design still being reviewed. Contractor will provide final rendering and plans. Current Fire station has 4 staff and not suitable for overnight stays. Cal Fire is currently training volunteer fire fighters. **Motion to approve Site Plan Waiver with agreement that final sight plan comes back to Descanso Planning Group for review by Jo Ellen, 2nd Claudia 7-0-0 motion passes**

B. SDG&E Fire Preparedness: Don Parent, Sempra Energy, response to DPG questions regarding turning off electricity during dry, high wind conditions in the back country. Don provided an overview of SDG&E's Fire Preparedness Program. Overview of fire Plan is to increase reliability and safety, while reducing the likelihood of power lines being involved in wildfires during extreme weather conditions. Area covered by shut off plan East of El Cajon and Poway. Expect 1-2 outages per year to affect approximate. 8-10,000 customers. SDG&E will have to patrol lines in the daylight hours before turning back on. Early conditions can change the plan. Notification if you are in program will go out by land line, cell phone, SDG&E.com/fire prep and media. Concerns: Generators and safety, storing fuel for generators, SDG&E is shifting responsibility/liability to property owners, Safety concerns for anyone dependent on electrically powered medical equipment. 5700 currently participate in SDG&E's special needs program. Will SDG&E provide auxiliary power to schools? - most likely no but, possibly to Fire Stations. What would we have to do vegetation control wise to be exempt from this plan? key elements:

SDG&E will shut off power if the following five conditions as determined by the National Weather Service and Cal Fire 1. National Weather calls a Red Flag Warning. 2. Localized wind speeds in an area are 35 mph or 55 mph gusts 3. The relative humidity is less than 20% 4. The moisture level in non living materials is less than 6% 5. The moisture level in living plants is less than or equal to 75%. Hearing April 7th Alpine Community Center, April 8th Harrah's Rincon.

- C. **Sunrise Powerlink Information:** Discuss new information from Sunrise Powerlink "Open House Forums", water district sale of water for construction requirements, East County Magazine, and community members. Discuss new information from Sunrise Powerlink water district sale of water for construction requirements, Descanso water left if open ended. Chair to contact Orly Johnson or Brian Bruce. Jo Ellen will take responsibility. Opposing opinion needs to be put on the record. **Motion Jo Ellen will provide letter stating DPG is opposed to selling water outside of our district until there is a ground water study by Michael, 2nd Jo Ellen 6-1-0 motion passes.**
 - D. **Community Plan Text Review Subcommittee Report:** Discussion and recommendations. Jo Ellen briefly reviewed subcommittee process. Continued to next meeting.
 - E. **FCI Lands:** Discussion of Department of Planning and Land Use strategy and proposal for land use designation in 2011 of the Forest Conservation Initiative Lands in Descanso presented at February meeting. Maps provided by county reviewed. Duncan McFetridge would like to make a presentation at the next meeting. Presentation to include but, not limited to water, ground water, RV Park property, wildlife. Requests were made to do a mailing and signs to inform all residents of this important plan and change as they might not know. Referred to FCI Lands subcommittee. **Motion Michael to replace chair of FCI Lands Subcommittee by John, 2nd Don 7-0-0 motion passes.**
 - F. **Steering Committee Report:** Discussion of Steering Committee meeting on February 28. Michael briefly outlined meeting.
7. Old Business
- A. **2009 DPG Goals:** Develop community concerns, priorities and 2009 goals for DPG. Deferred
 - B. **Transportation, Bridges and Pedestrian Walkways:** Report new information. No report.
 - C. **Community Park:** Approval of a new 5 year Park Project Priority List for the expenditure of Park Land Dedication Ordinance Funds. Deferred.
8. Open Discussion/Presentation from the Floor. Any member of the public may address the Group on topics pertaining to planning, zoning and land use, which does not appear elsewhere in this agenda. No Group action is permitted on items not on the agenda in accordance with the Brown Act. Speakers will be allowed 3 minutes. None.
9. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas: Community Plan Text, FCI Lands.
10. Approval of Expenditures/Expenses and Treasurer's Report: Don provided Treasurer's Report balance in checking is \$318.22.
11. Announcement of Next Meeting: April 16, 2009 @ 7:00PM
12. Adjournment at 9:40 pm.

Submitted: Bobbi Brink